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State hosts conference focusing on Title Guaranty *Event features prominent speakers on housing issues*

DES MOINES – The Iowa Finance Authority’s Title Guaranty Division will hold its first annual conference September 27 and 28, 2005, at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference is open to the public but is of special interest to professionals in the settlement service industry such as attorneys, paralegals, abstractors, lenders and real estate sales representatives.

Title Guaranty offers a low-cost mechanism to guarantee title to real property in Iowa, working with attorneys and lenders throughout the state to ensure the integrity of the land title transfer system and to facilitate transactions in the secondary mortgage market.

Conference highlights include a presentation by Kevin Barnes, a noted authority on mortgage fraud. Other speakers are Karen Oberman, a senior residential appraiser who will discuss fraudulent appraisals and their impact on the housing market and Stephen Morrison from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will provide an update on the federal regulatory landscape and how it affects Iowa settlement service providers. Panel discussion will also educate attendees about IFA’s *FirstHome* and *FirstHome Plus* programs, the evolving “Real Estate Superstore,” and CLRIS.

“Title Guaranty is making several changes in an effort to streamline operations and work more efficiently with the settlement service industry,” Loyd Ogle, TGD Director, said. “This conference is a fantastic opportunity to hear about these changes and learn about what’s yet to come in this exciting industry.”

The Iowa Legislature created The Iowa Finance Authority, the state’s housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. To learn more, visit www.ifahome.com or call 800-432-7230.

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